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In re Application of:

**Slade H. Gardner**

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For: **Method of Forming Ecoceramic-Based Silicon-Carbide Tooling  
For Composites and Methods of Forming Composites Using Same**



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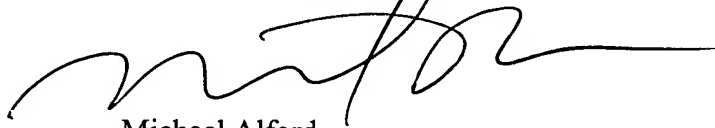
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